

## **BFAC Notes – Shire of Plantagenet – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **1. Fire Season Review**

- Relatively quiet across region
- Local fires – well managed at local level.
- Some deployments intra-region and inter-region – Serpentine, Neds Corner, Waroona & Walpole.
- Thank Plantagenet assistance – epitomises our culture of ‘helping a mate’
- Neds Corner – Fatality – Findings/recommendations still to be finalised – when released recommend analysis and see what applies to Plantagenet.

### **2. School and Community Group – Evacuations**

- All schools are required to have bushfire plan.
- Schools will act upon advice given by someone substantial at the fire.
- Be aware of need to go early particularly when larger groups involved – schools, hospitals etc

### **3. AFDRS Review**

- A representative from AFDRS was at ROAC in April –
- System continues to be reviewed and monitored – if glitches are observed please take opportunity to provide feedback.

### **4. Mitigation Works**

- Shire has a Bushfire – Risk Management Plan.
- Allow shire to access funding to mitigate shire tenure land. .
- UCL/UMR in gazetted townsites DFES responsibility. Have worked with Chris Norton at Narrikup to do some work around that townsite.
- Met with Mount Barker townsite ‘burn group’ about 6 weeks ago to integrate into burn plan for Mount Barker townsite.
- All mitigation strategies on the table – just need advanced planning to ensure clearances are obtained.

### **5. Training**

- Legal and Legislation – recommend completion when all FCO appointments are finalised.
- Opportunity to pursue higher order courses including incident management.
- Crew Leader
- Advanced Bushfire
- Sector Commander
- Incident Controller – Level 1 – pause this one pending refinement
- Pre-season – shakedown desktop exercise.

### **6. Permits**

- Recommend permit holder notify Comcen – may reduce false alarms to brigades.
- Gazetted Fire Weather Officers have capacity to allow permits to proceed when FDR exceeds ‘High’
- Need **explicit approval** of FWO.

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